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Mr James R. Mackey
1831 E. 53rd St.
Los. Angeles Calif.

Dear Mackey:

Well I finally heard from you. I had commenced to wonder if any thing was wrong. I am glad to know you are well, and thinking about coming back to us this year.

I have just returned from Chicago where the western league met. Negro baseball is going ahead with plans for 1945, the same as the Majors.

I am willing to offer you a five months contract, salary \$400.00 a month plus \$20.00 a week while the team is in camp, plus round trip transportation from California.

We are planning to train in Richmond Va., and will stay at Virginia Union University. We are leaving here April 8th, so we can start training the 9th. Your salary would start May 1st and run to Sept. 30th.

Will you be able to catch any doubleheaders? I will have to know what to plan about my second string catcher. Please let me hear from you right away. I am sure you can understand how near the start of the season is. I hope you and your wife are enjoying good health. I will be looking to hear from you.

Very Truly Yours